



A LETTER

Sent to the Right Honourable the Lord Chamberlaine,
FROM
JOHN Lord FINCH, *late Lord Keeper of the*
Great Seale of England, from the Hage.

My most Noble Lord:



He interest your Lordship hath ever had in the best of my Fortunes and affections, gives me the priviledge of troubling your Lordship with these few Lines, from one that hath now nothing left to serve you, but with his Prayers, these your Lordship shall never faile of, with an heart as full of true affection to your Lordship as ever any was. My Lord, it is not the losse of my Place, and with it of my Fortunes, nor the being exiled from my deare Countrey and friends, though any of them were cause enough of sorrow, that afflicts me, but that which I must suffer under, is the displeasure of the house of Parliament conceived against mee. I know what a true heart I have ever borne towards them, and your Lordships can witnesse in part, what way I have gone in, but silence and patience best becomes me, with which I must leave my selfe and actions, to the favourable construction of my noble friends, in which number your Lordship hath a prime place. I am now at the (*Hage*) where I arrived on *Thursday* the last day of the moneth, and where I purpose to live, agreeable to the poorenesse of my fortune: For any tumbling in the world, I have utterly cast off the thought of it, and my ayme shall onely be, to number my dayes, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom, which will wipe all teares from my eyes and heart, and lead me by the hand to true happinesse, which can never be taken from me. I pray God blesse this Parliament, with a happy both progresse and conclusion, and if my Ruine may conduce the least to it, I shall not repine at it. I truly pray for your Lordship, and all the noble family, that God would give you an encrease of all worldly blessings, and in the fulnesse of dayes, receive you to his glory. If I were capable of seeming any body, I would tell your Lordship, that no man should be readier to make knowne his affection, and true gratitude to your Lordship, Then

Hage, January,

3. 1640.

Your Lordships most humble and most affectionate poore kinsman and servant,

JOHN FINCH.